

## **II. REMARKS**

### **OVERVIEW**

Claims 1-13, 38, 40-58, 60-64 are presently pending in the application. Claims 14-37 have been cancelled by present amendment. Claim 62 has been amended so as to no longer depend on cancelled claim 59, but rather depend on claim 61.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-13, 38, 40-58, and 61-64. Applicants respectfully note that Examiner omitted mention of independent claim 60 in both the Office Action Summary and in the Detailed Action. Applicants believe, based on the Examiner's reasons for allowance that independent claim 60 was inadvertently omitted from the list of allowable subject matter. Should Examiner disagree, Applicant respectfully requests Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Claims 14-37 have been rejected as being allegedly anticipated by Stoutenburg et al. (Publ. No. 2003/0222135). Claims 14-37 have been cancelled by present amendment, thus rendering this rejection moot.

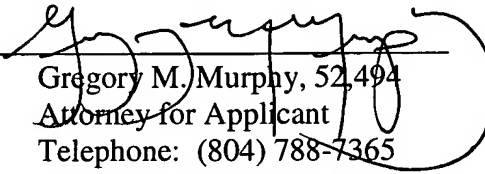
## **III. CONCLUSION**

For all the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding rejections and objections have been overcome or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. All amendments are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Applicant accordingly submits that these claims are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Specifically, Applicants submit that pending claims 1-13, 38, 40-58, and 60-64 are in condition for allowance.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-3436 for any fees or overpayments related to the entry of this Amendment, including any extension of time fees and new claims fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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